The Cosmos Garden

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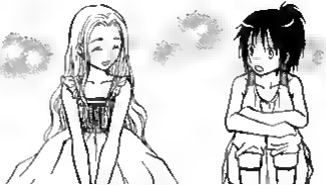

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MIYA-KO!
I NEED YOU TO GO PICK UP SOME THINGS FROM THE STORE!
Okay!
BZZZZZ
BUZZ
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BUZZ
MY MOM SUGGESTED I SPEND MY SUMMER VACATION AT MY GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE THIS YEAR.
WHEN I'M AT HOME, I'M CONSTANTLY ONLINE, OR DOING STUFF ON MY PHONE, AND MY MOM FINALLY SNAPPED
I'M TAKING YOUR PHONE AWAY DURING SUMMER VACATION! YOU'RE GOING TO GO STAY WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
This isn't healthy!!
What?! You dictator! You can't do this to me! I can't live without it!!
This MACHINE has you on an emotional roller coaster!!
IT'S HOT!
BUZZ
BZZZZZ
BUT I HAD BEGUN TO RESIGN MYSELF TO IT WHEN...
BUT I'M GET-TING USED TO IT.
HUH?
BZZZZZ
BUZZ
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IT HURT TO LOSE MY MEANS OF COMMUNICA-TION AND RESEARCH,

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WHO KNEW THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS AROUND HERE?
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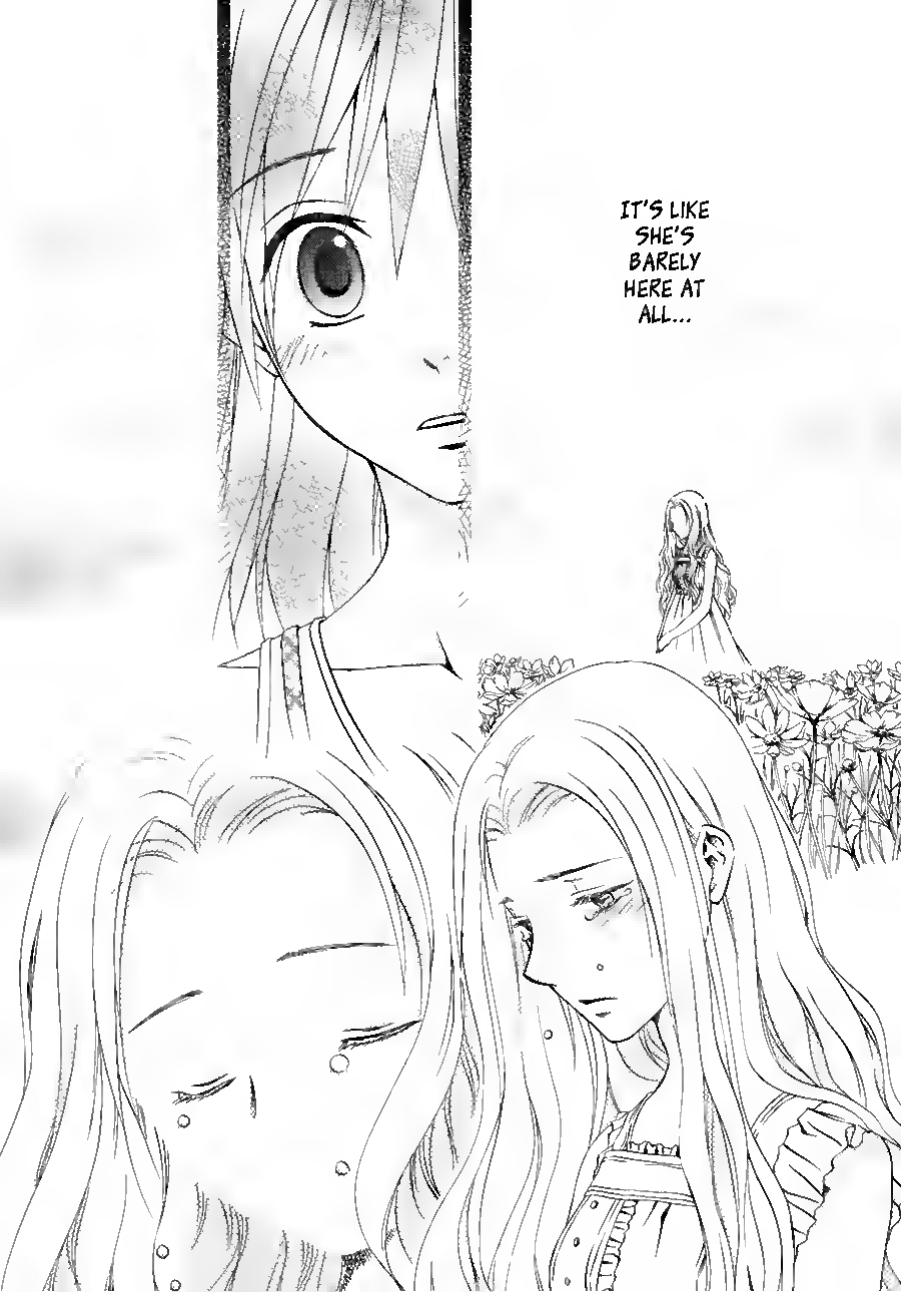
WHAT A LOVELY WESTERN-STYLE HOUSE...
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY-ONE HERE, THOUGH.
The curtains are shut tight, too
IS THIS WHAT A HAUNTED HOUSE IS LIKE?
BUT...
SOMEONE MUST STILL BE TAKING CARE OF IT.
THE GARDEN IS FULL OF FLOWERS.
LOOK AT ALL THOSE COSMOS FLOWERS! THEY'RE SO PRETTY!
OH, THERE IS SOME-ONE HERE! I DIDN'T NOTICE HER

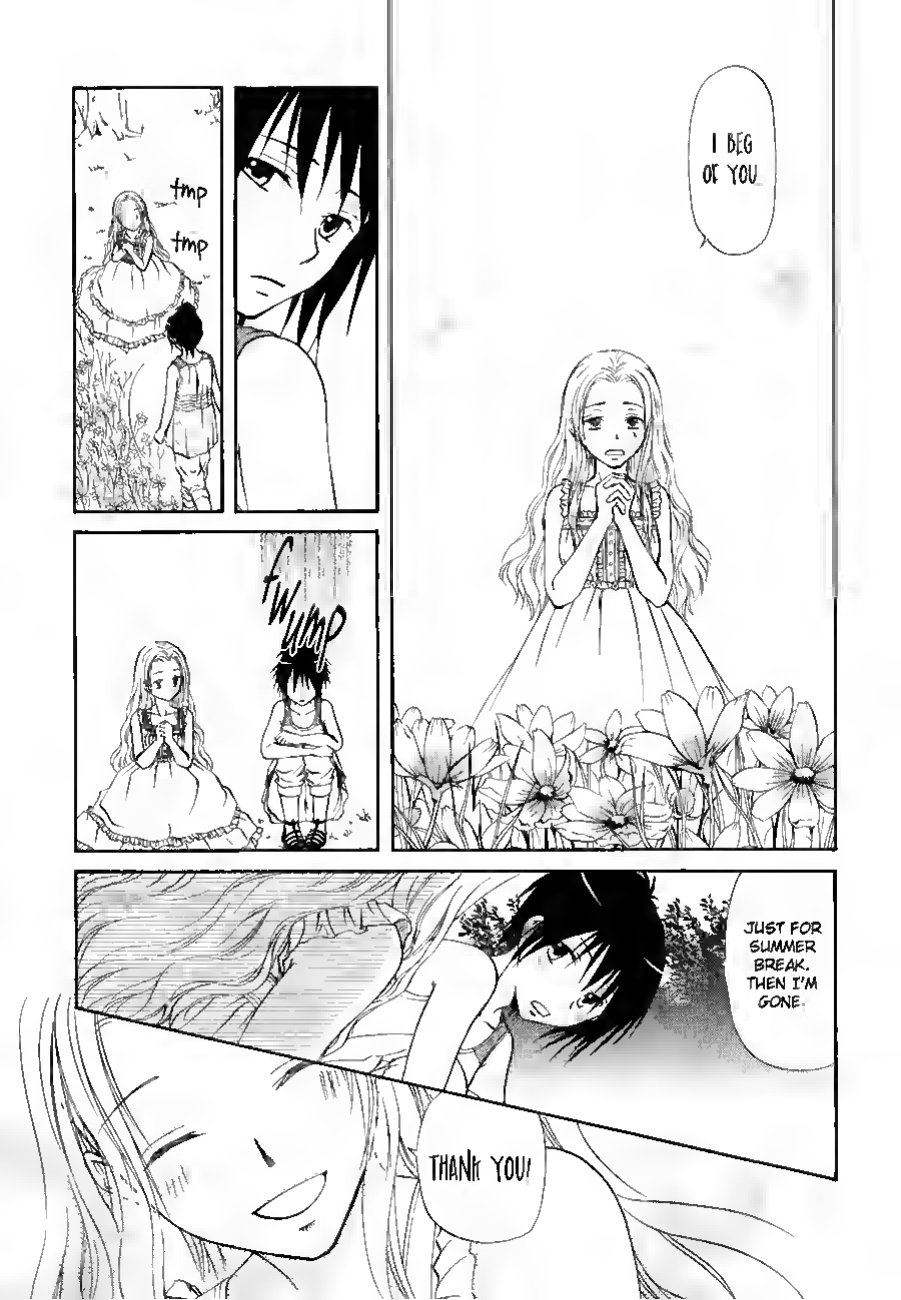

IT'S LIKE SHE'S BARELY HERE AT ALL...

I FEEL LIKE...
I'M SORRY I STOPPED SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY.
THAT TOOK YOU QUITE A WHILE, MIYAKO.
THAT IMAGE IS SEARED INTO MY BRAIN NOW.
I'VE SEEN SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE.
I'M HOME!
HEY, GRANDMA,
THERE'S A PRETTY BIG WESTERN-STYLE HOUSE BY THE MOUNTAIN.
THAT'S THE HOSHIMIYAS' HOUSE.
SO THEIR NAME IS HOSHIMIYA?
Hunh
DO THEY HAVE A GIRL MY AGE?
... YES

I WONDER IF SHE'S HERE?
MY CURIOSITY DREW ME BACK.
BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND RECENTLY.
SHE IS!
SHE WAS PRETTY...
BUT WHY
WAS SHE CRYING?
OOPS, SHE SAW ME.
OH!

WOW,
HELLO.
SHE'S GOT A REALLY CUTE SMILE!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME INSIDE IF YOU'D LIKE.
I-
I'M SORRY, I WASN'T TRYING TO SPY ON YOUR HOUSE ..
WELL, ACTUALLY, I KINDA WAS, BUT..
OH, YOU CAN SEE ME!
I'M SO GLAD.
HUH?

GEEZ, QUIT PULLING MY LEG...
WHO OOH
WHA...?
I AM A GHOST.
GULK...
WAIT! I MEAN YOU NO HARM!!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR INTRUD-ING!
PLEASE DON'T GO
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE IN SO LONG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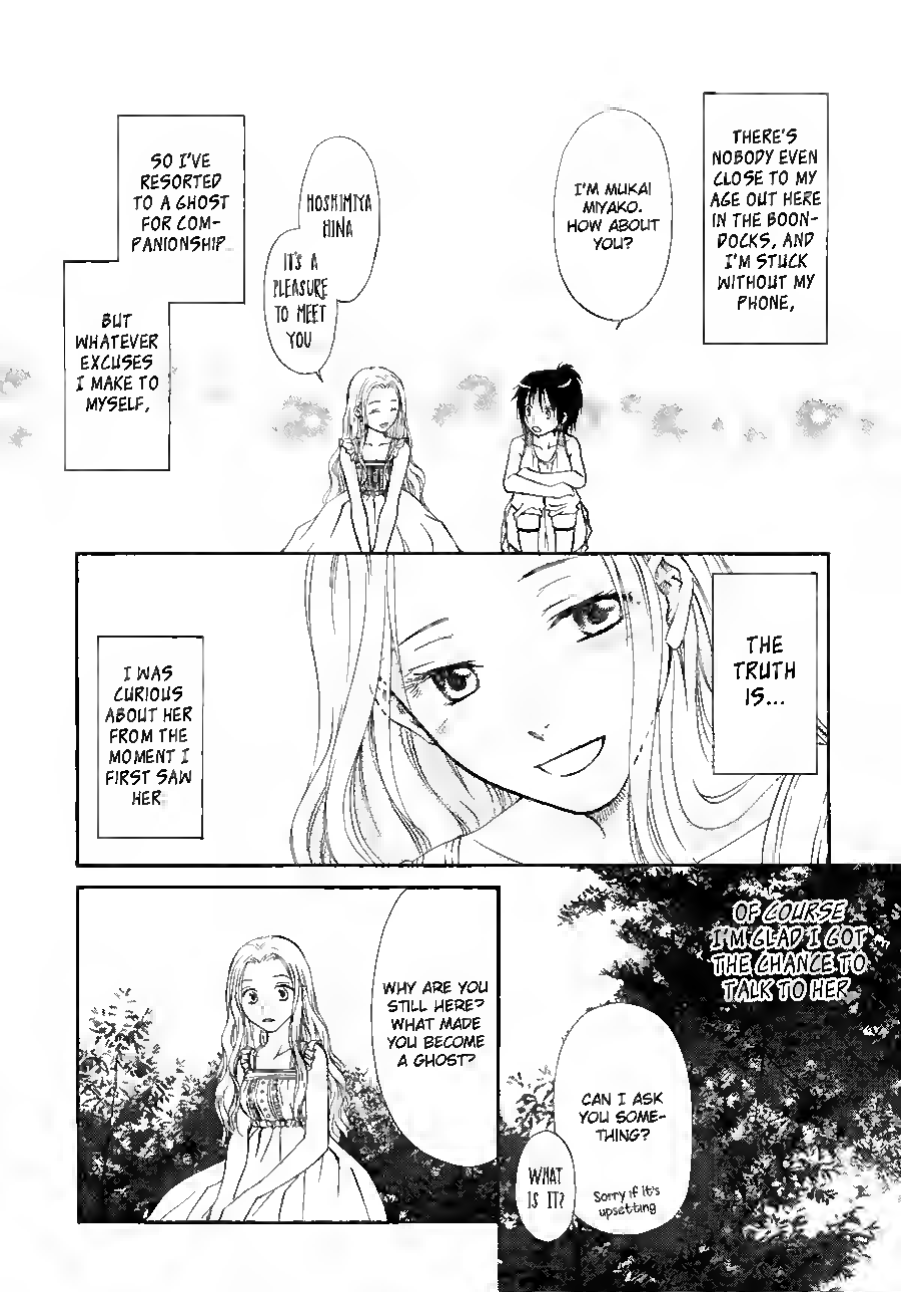
JUST FOR SUMMER BREAK. THEN I'M GONE.
THANK YOU!


THERE'S NOBODY EVEN CLOSE TO MY AGE OUT HERE IN THE BOONDOCKS, AND I'M STUCK WITHOUT MY PHONE,
I'M MUKAI MIYAKO. HOW ABOUT YOU?
HOSHIMIYA HINA
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
SO I'VE RESORTED TO A GHOST FOR COMPANIONSHIP
BUT WHATEVER EXCUSES I MAKE TO MYSELF,
THE TRUTH IS...
I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT HER FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW HER
OF COURSE I'M GLAD I GOT THE CHANCE TO TALK TO HER
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
Sorry if it's upsetting
WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE? WHAT MADE YOU BECOME A GHOST?

I THINK MY MOTHER'S GRIEF...
IS KEEPING MY HEART HERE
THOUGH MY VOICE CAN'T REACH HER
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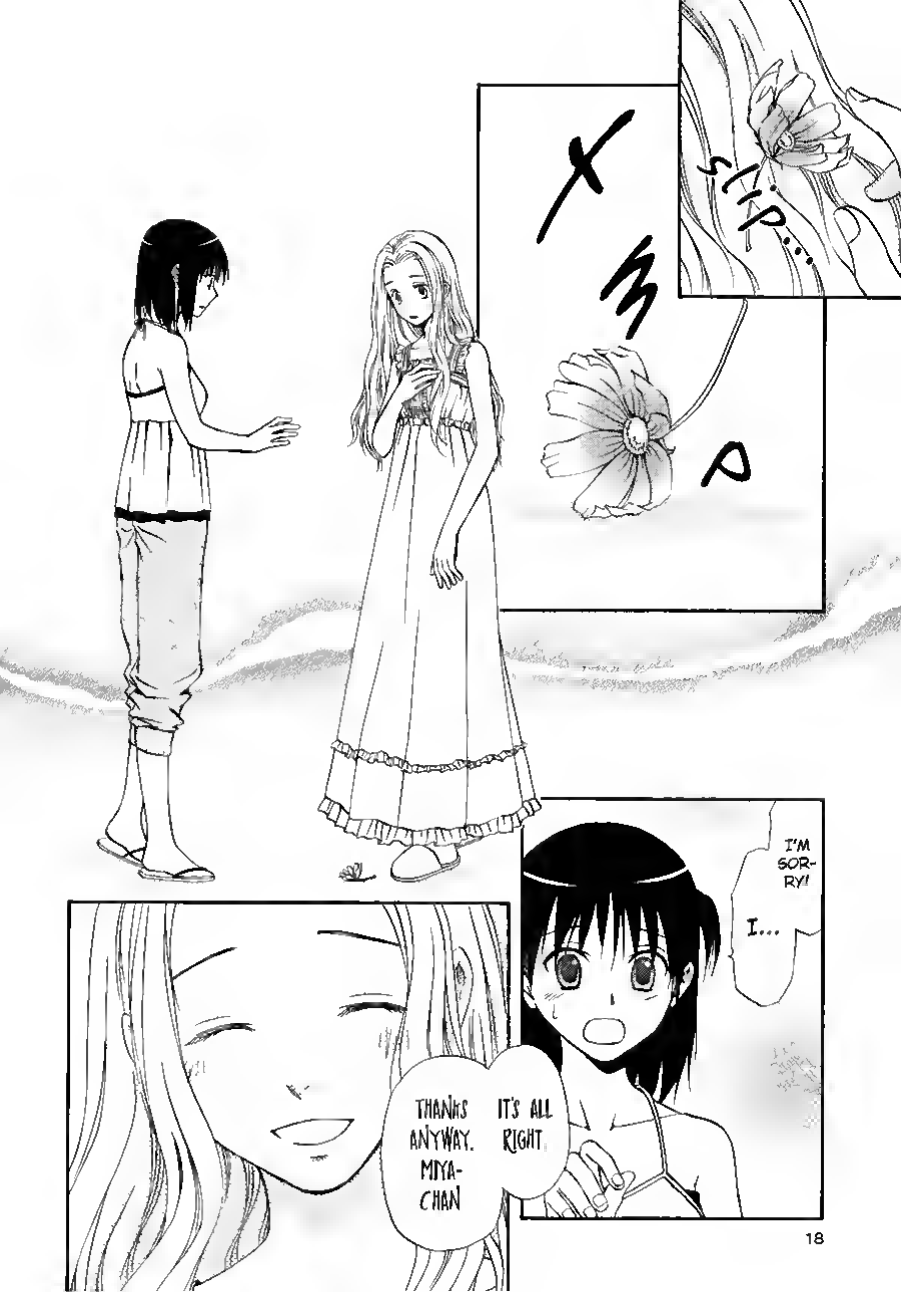
HAS SHE JUST BEEN CRYING HER EYES OUT THIS WHOLE TIME, LIKE THE OTHER DAY?
SEE YOU!
OH...
HEY, HINA.
AREN'T YOU BORED HANGING AROUND HERE ALL THE TIME?
WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO MY PLACE?

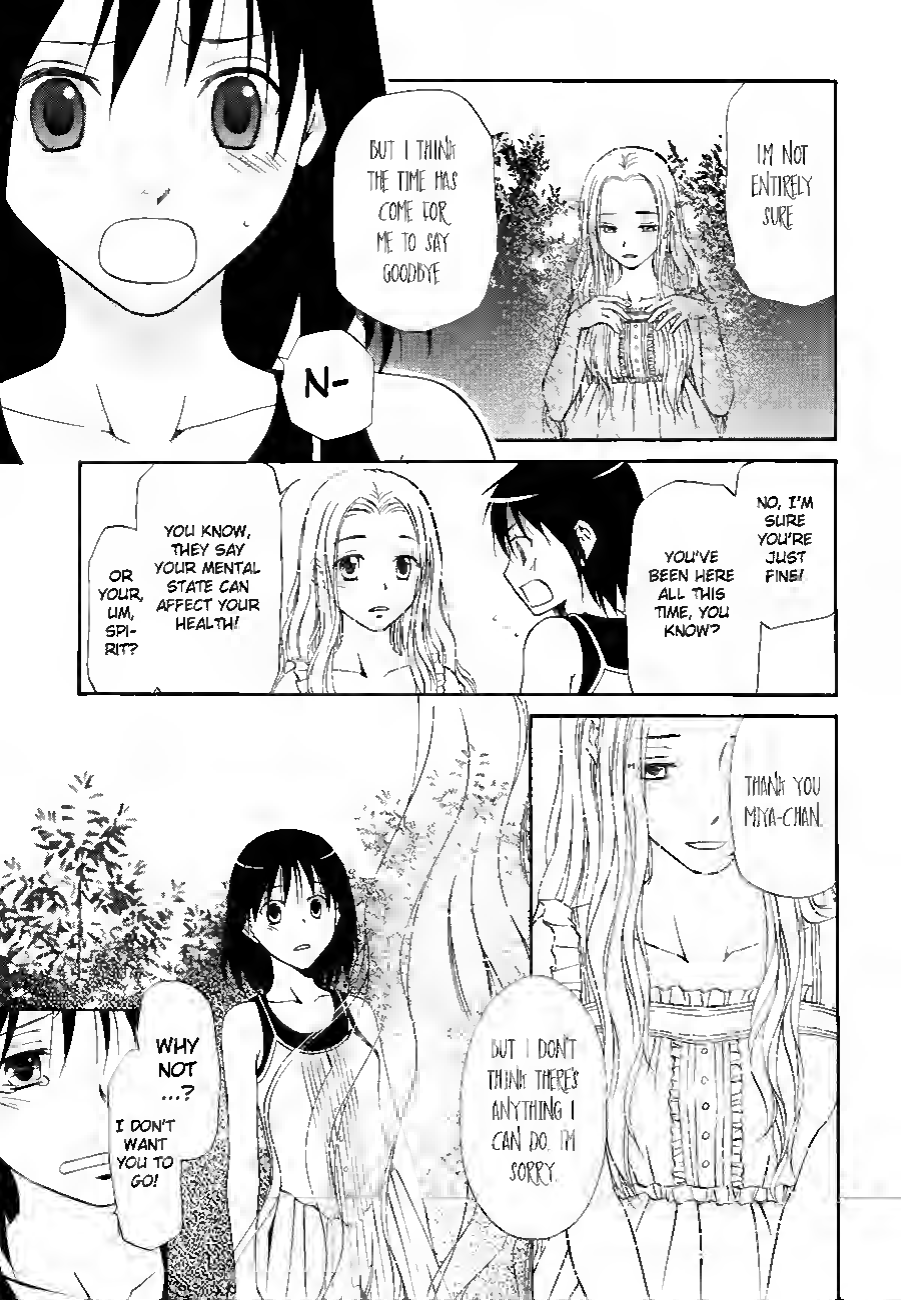
THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME, MIYA-CHAN.
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE...
shake shake
HER SPIRIT IS BOUND TO THIS PLACE?
I'M SORRY...
OH, WELL. I CAN JUST COME TO HER, SO.
I THOUGHT I HEARD HER MOM OR SOMEONE CRYING AND SHOUTING...
WERE HER PARENTS HAVING A FIGHT?
SEE YOU SOON!
OH! OKAY.
MY PARENTS ARE HERE TODAY, SO YOU CAN'T COME IN.

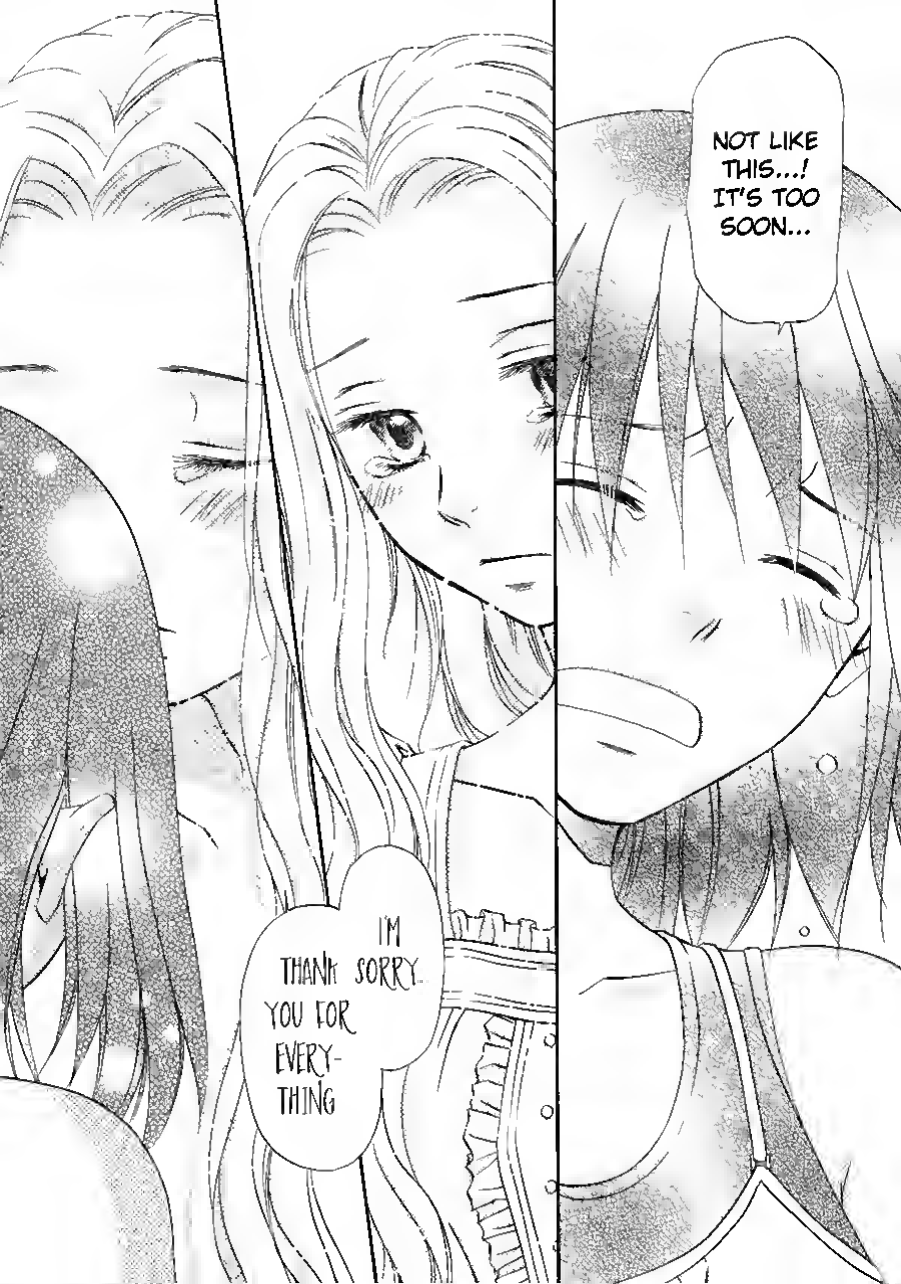
COSMOS ARE MY FAVORITE FLOWER, SO I ASKED MY PARENTS TO PLANT ALL OF THESE
IF ONLY HINA'S PARENTS COULD SEE HER TOO
I HOPE THAT ISN'T TOO HARD ON HINA...
YOU SHOULD PUT ONE IN YOUR HAIR!
I BET IT WOULD LOOK REALLY CUTE
YOU THINK SO?
I BET IT WOULD LOOK CUTER ON YOU.
SEE?


SLIP...
I'M SORRY!
I...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THANKS ANYWAY, MIYA-CHAN

SMACK
WHY COULDN'T I HAVE MET HER SOONER?!

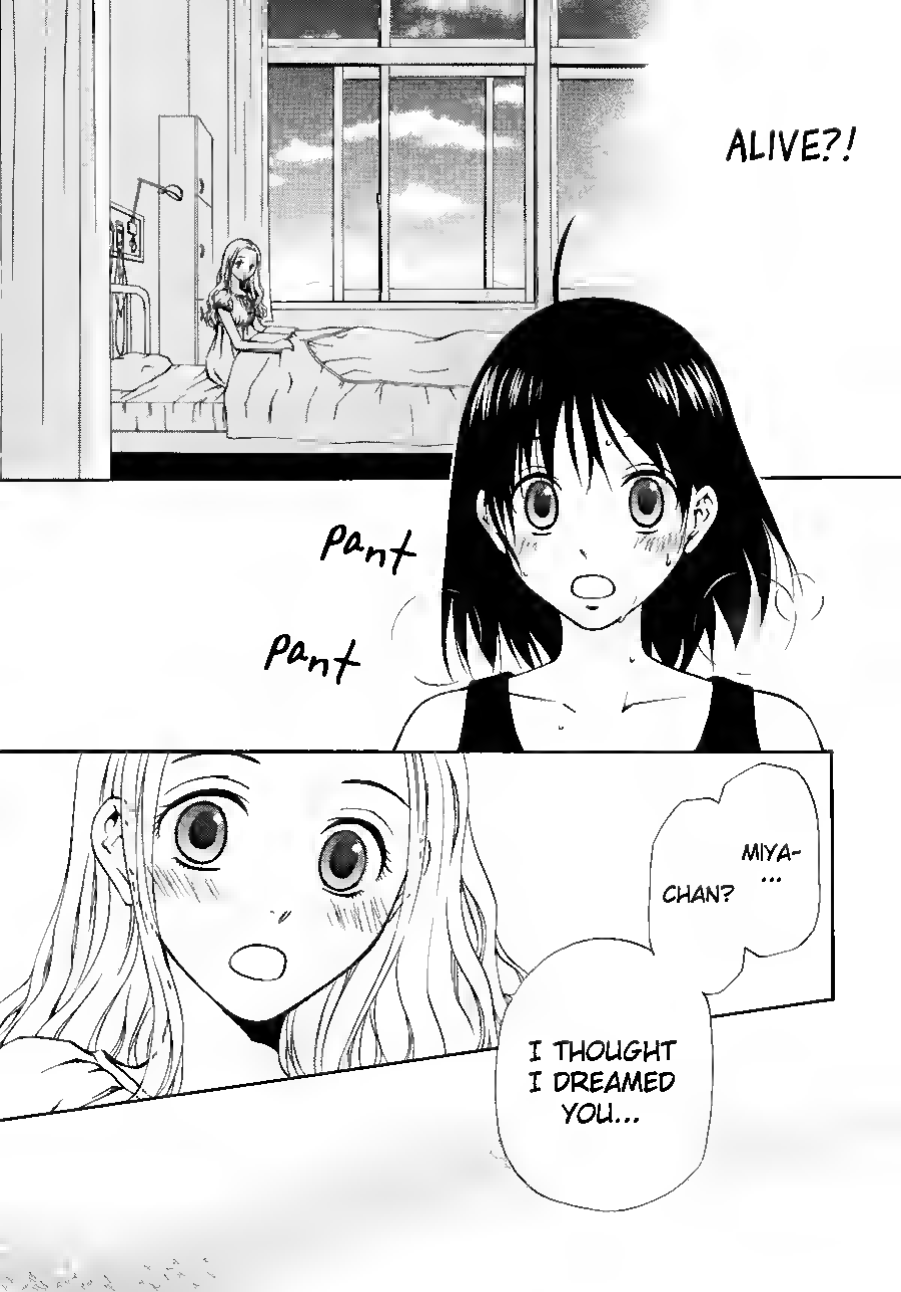
WHY ...?!
HINA, I'M HERE!
Hina ?!
MIYA-CHAN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?! I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU!!


I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE
BUT I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO SAY GOODBYE
N-
NO, I'M SURE YOU'RE JUST FINE!
YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL THIS TIME, YOU KNOW?
YOU KNOW, THEY SAY YOUR MENTAL STATE CAN AFFECT YOUR HEALTH!
OR YOUR, UM, SPI-RIT?
THANK YOU MIYA-CHAN.
BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO. I'M SORRY.
WHY NOT ...?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!


NOT LIKE THIS...! IT'S TOO SOON...
I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING

IT'S NOT FAIR.
IT'S NOT FAIR, HINA! YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SAY IT BACK.
I LOVE YOU, MIYA-CHAN.
OH, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HOSHIMI YAS' GIRL?

THE HOSHI-MIYAS
That's Hina's family
NO, WHAT ABOUT HER?
SHE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT ABOUT A MONTH BACK. BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL EVER SINCE.
AND SHE JUST WOKE UP TODAY.
I'M SURE HER FOLKS MUST BE RELIEVED.
Wait ...
What?!
What does that mean, Grandpa?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, MIYAKO? IT MEANS JUST WHAT I SAID.
WAIT, SO IS HINA...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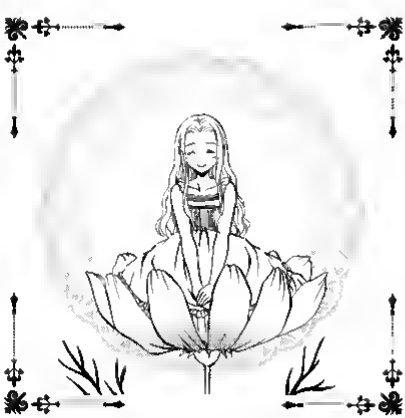
MIYA-
...
CHAN?
I THOUGHT
I DREAMED
YOU...

HINA ...
THERE'S SOME-THING I NEED YOU TO HEAR.
WHAT IS IT?
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT GONE!
AND I WAS SURE THAT YOU WERE A GHOST!

I'LL COME VISIT ON MY NEXT VACATION!
WHO KNEW SUCH HEART-ACHE
I LOVE YOU TOO!
COULD HAPPEN IN A FEW SHORT DAYS?
YOU BET-TER!

I WILL COME BACK, HINA.
SO I CAN SEE YOU AGAIN. NOT AS A GHOST, OR A DREAM...
IN REAL LIFE.
BUT IN YOUR GARDEN.



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